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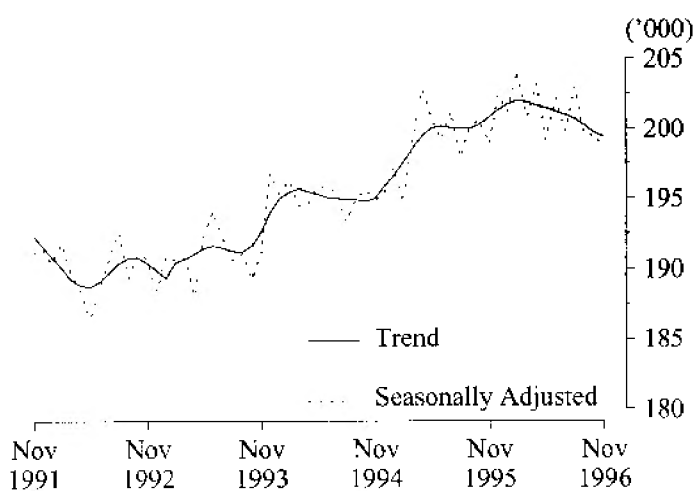
MAIN FEATURES

EMPLOYMENT

State comparisons
trend estimates

The Australian and State *trend series* comparisons are given on page 25. There was a decrease of 0.7% in Tasmania's employment over the year to November 1996. The largest percentage increase in employment was in Western Australia (2.2%). Next followed Queensland (1.8%), Victoria (1.3%), South Australia (0.4%), and New South Wales (0.2%).

EMPLOYMENT, TASMANIA



Regional comparisons
original terms

In the Hobart and Southern Statistical Divisions the estimate of employment in *original terms* in September 1996 was 100,100 and compares with 101,600 in September 1995. The estimate of employment in the Northern Statistical Division in September 1996 was 58,700 and compares with 56,900 in September 1995. The estimate of employment in the Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division was 41,300 in September 1996, and compares with 42,700 for September 1995. (See tables 3-8, pages 2-7.)

THE LABOUR FORCE

Trend estimates

There were an estimated 222,500 persons (based on *trend* estimates) in the labour force in November 1996, and an estimated 369,200 civilian Tasmanians aged 15 years or more, yielding a labour force participation rate of 60.3%, compared with 60.5% in November 1995.

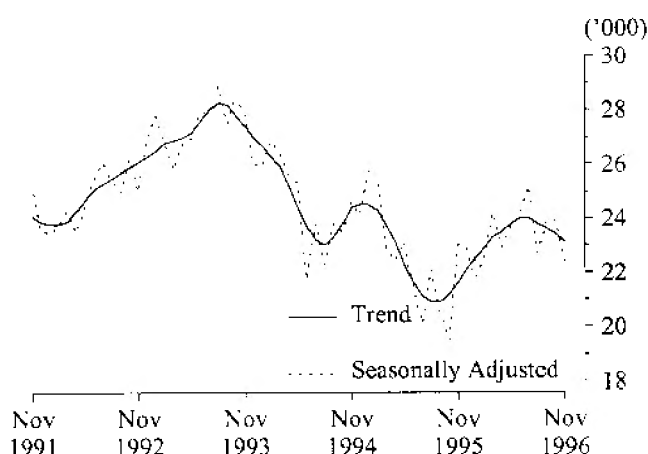
For males, the *trend* estimate of the participation rate was 70.7%, compared with 70.2% for November 1995. For females, the *trend* estimate of the participation rate was 50.2%, compared with 51.1% in November 1995.

(See table 3, page 2.)

UNEMPLOYMENT

Trend estimates The Tasmanian *trend* estimate of 23,100 unemployed persons in November 1996 was an increase of 1,500 on the figure for November 1995 of 21,600. The *trend* estimate of the unemployment rate of 10.4 % in November 1996 compared with 9.7% in November 1995. (See tables 3-8, pages 2-7.)

UNEMPLOYMENT, TASMANIA



AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES

Original terms The annual movement from October 1995 to October 1996 of weekly award rates of pay indexes for Tasmania was 0.6% for full-time adult females and 1.1% for full-time adult males, for a combined annual increase of 0.9%. For Australia, the figures were 1.6% for females and 1.2% for males, for a combined annual increase of 1.3%.

For full-time adult female employees in Tasmania, the largest industry increases over this 12 month period occurred in the Public administration and defence industry (2.9%); and the Manufacturing industry (1.4%).

For the same period for full-time adult male employees in Tasmania, the largest industry increases occurred in the Transport and storage industry (3.1%); and the Manufacturing industry (1.6%).

The largest occupation increase over the same period for full-time adult female employees occurred in Tradespersons (1.6%); and clerks (1.2%).

For full-time adult male employees the largest occupation increases over the period occurred in Plant and machine operators, and drivers (2.1%); and Clerks (1.6%).

Source: *Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia*, ABS catalogue no. 6312.0.

HOUSE PRICE INDEXES

Original terms The price index for established houses in Hobart fell by 0.8% in the September quarter 1996, leading to an overall increase of 0.8% for the twelve months ending September 1996.

Project home prices remained steady in Hobart for the September quarter 1996, with a drop of 0.2% for the twelve months ending September 1996.

(See table 16, page 11.)

BUILDING MATERIALS PRICES INDEXES

Original terms The price index for materials used in house building in Hobart fell by 0.6% in October 1996, resulting in a decrease of 0.8% for the year ending October 1996. Hobart was the only capital city to record a decrease for the month of October 1996, but for the year ending October 1996, falls were also recorded in Brisbane (-1.1%) and Melbourne (-0.4%); and the weighted average of the eight capital cities fell by 0.1%.

The price index for materials used in other than house building increased in Hobart by 0.2% in October 1996, and by 0.4% for the year ending October 1996. Small rises in the index were recorded in most other capitals for the year ending October 1996, with the exception of Melbourne, where the index fell by 0.5% for the same period.

Major contributors to the change in Hobart over the twelve months ending October 1996 were paint and other coatings (up 6.6%), fabricated steel products (up 4.9%) and structural steel (up 3.1%). These increases were partly offset by decreases in structural timber (down 7.6%), and non ferrous pipes and fittings (down 4.9%). The price of non ferrous pipes and fittings fell in all capital cities in October 1996, due to a drop in the world price of copper.

(See tables 15 and 18, pages 11 and 13.)

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING

Trend estimates The *trend* estimate for the slaughtering of cattle and calves in Tasmania during October 1996 was 1.0% higher than that recorded in the previous month. The number of sheep and lambs slaughtered decreased by 3.1%, and the number of pigs slaughtered decreased by 1.8% over the same period.

The *trend* estimate of the number of cattle and calves slaughtered in October 1996 was 20,800 which is 5.9% above the number slaughtered in October 1995.

The *trend* estimate for the slaughtering of sheep and lambs was 54,600 in October 1996, 21.0% below the number slaughtered in October 1995. This was the tenth successive decline in the estimate of sheep and lambs slaughtered in Tasmania, and well below the estimate of 97,500 slaughtered in October 1994.

The *trend* estimate of 6,000 pigs slaughtered in October 1996 was 13.6% below the number slaughtered in October 1995, and 21.5% below the number slaughtered in October 1994.

(See table 21, page 16.)

BUILDING APPROVALS

Original terms There were 187 new dwelling units approved during October 1996 in Tasmania. This was an increase of 16.9% on the 160 recorded for September 1996 but a 16.5% decrease on the number recorded for October 1995 (224).

For the twelve months ended October 1996 there were 2,273 new dwelling units approved, 20.1% below the 2,844 units recorded for the twelve months ended October 1995.

The value of residential building approved, at current prices, in October 1996 was \$17.3 million, 31.1% above the September 1996 figure of \$13.2 million, but 4.9% below the October 1995 figure of \$18.2 million.

The value of non-residential building approved, at current prices, in October 1996 was \$10.6 million, 2.9% above the September 1996 figure of \$10.3 million, but 35.8% below the October 1995 figure of \$16.5 million.

(See table 27, page 20.)

TAXATION REVENUE

Original terms Taxes, fees and fines collected by Australian governments in the 1995-96 financial year totalled \$151,267 million. The Commonwealth Government collected \$115,486 million, or 76% of the total. State and local government collected \$35,788 million, or 24% of the total. The largest component of the Commonwealth taxes, fees and fines was *income taxes levied on individuals* of \$60,602 million, or 52% of the total Commonwealth taxes collected.

Tasmanian State and local *taxes, fees and fines* for the 1995-96 financial year were \$794 million, which is \$1,679 per head of population (based on mean population figures). This is a 2.4% increase on the 1994-95 figure of \$1,639 per head. Tasmanians paid the second lowest amount of State and local *taxes, fees and fines* per head in 1995-96. In comparison, Victorians paid \$2,183 per head, the highest of all the States and Territories, and Queenslanders paid \$1,594 per head, the lowest of all States and Territories.

The average (all States and Territories) amount of State and local *taxes, fees and fines* paid per head in 1995-96 was \$1,963. This was an increase of 6.1% on the 1994-95 figure of \$1,851. The Tasmanian level and annual increase of State and local *taxes, fees and fines* per head, is below the average (all States and Territories).

Source: *Australian Demographic Statistics, March Quarter 1996*, ABS catalogue no. 3101.0.

GROSS STATE PRODUCT

Trend estimates Tasmanian Gross State Product (GSP) grew by 0.9% in the September Quarter 1996, as measured by the *trend* series at current prices. This was slightly lower than the growth rates of the previous two quarters. Tasmanian growth was below the national *trend*, with Australian Gross Domestic Product increasing by 1.1% during the September Quarter. New South Wales experienced the highest quarterly growth of 1.6%, while South Australia recorded a decline in GSP of 0.3%.

Tasmania's annual increase in GSP (September 1995 to September 1996) as measured by the *trend* series at current prices was 4.5%. Tasmanian annual GSP was below the national *trend*, with Australian Domestic Product growing 5.9% during the same period. New South Wales recorded the largest annual increase (6.8%), while South Australia experienced the lowest (2.4%).

Source: *Australian National Accounts, State Accounts*, ABS catalogue no. 5242.0 and *National Income, Expenditure and Product*, ABS catalogue no. 5206.0.

PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Original terms Total new capital expenditure in Tasmania, for the September quarter 1996 was \$128 million. This was 16.3 % below the \$153 million recorded in the June quarter 1996 and 10.5 % below the September quarter 1995 figure of \$143 million.
(See table 30, page 21.)

SURVEY OF TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Original terms The average room occupancy rate for hotels, motels and guest houses in Tasmania for the September quarter 1996 was 38.7%, compared with 42.1% recorded in the September quarter 1995.

The unit occupancy rate for holiday flats, units and houses in Tasmania for the September quarter 1996 was 35.5%, compared with 38.3% recorded in the September quarter 1995.

Caravan park occupancy rate for the September quarter 1996 in Tasmania was 28.3%, a slight increase on the 27.7% recorded in the September quarter 1995.

Visitor hostel bed occupancy rate for the September quarter 1996, in Tasmania was recorded at 9.2%, up from 8.1% recorded in September quarter 1995.

(See table 33, page 23.)

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Original terms There were 1,307 new motor vehicles (excluding motorcycles) registered in Tasmania during October 1996. This was 3.0% lower than the 1,348 registered in September 1996 but 2.1% above the figure for October 1995 (1,280).

Of the new motor vehicles (excluding motorcycles) registered in October 1996 in Tasmania, 213 were vehicles registered by vehicle rental businesses compared with 448 registered by vehicle rental businesses in September 1996.

(See table 34, page 24.)

RETAIL

Original terms In *original* terms, the estimate of retail turnover in Australia during October 1996, was \$10,435.6 million, 5.1% above the \$9,933.0 million recorded in October 1995.

In *original* terms, the estimate of retail turnover in October 1996, for Tasmania, was \$249.2 million, 5.6% above the figure recorded for October 1995 (\$236.0 million).

Trend estimates The *trend* estimate of retail turnover in Australia during October 1996, was \$10,226.6 million, 2.7% higher than for October 1995 (\$9,952.9 million).

The *trend* estimate of retail turnover in Tasmania recorded for October 1996, was \$242.7 million, an increase of 1.5% on the October 1995 figure of \$239.0 million.

The monthly *trend* estimate for turnover of retail and selected service establishments for Tasmania has shown continued decline over the past six months.

(See table 35, page 24.)

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POPULATION: Original

| Year or quarter | Estimated resident population at end of period | Natural increase ¹ | Net estimated migration gain | Total population growth | Annual growth rate ² |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % |
| Year ended 30 June | | | | | |
| 1992 | 469.7 | 3.2 | - 0.3 | 2.9 | 0.62 |
| 1993 | 471.4 | 3.1 | - 1.5 | 1.7 | 0.35 |
| 1994 | 472.5 | 3.1 | - 2.0 | 1.1 | 0.24 |
| 1995 | 473.0 | 2.9 | - 2.4 | 0.5 | 0.11 |
| 1996 | 473.4 | 2.6 | - 2.2 | 0.4 | 0.08 |
| Quarter | | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| March | 473.0 | 0.8 | - 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.17 |
| June | 473.0 | 0.7 | - 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.11 |
| September p | 473.2 | 0.7 | - 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.09 |
| December p | 473.2 | 0.5 | - 0.6 | - 0.1 | 0.07 |
| 1996 | | | | | |
| March p | 473.2 | 0.8 | - 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.04 |
| June p | 473.4 | 0.6 | - 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.08 |

¹ Excess of live births registered over deaths registered (based on usual State of residence).

² Percentage growth from same quarter in previous year.

(Source: Australian Demographic Statistics, ABS catalogue number 3101.0)

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BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTERED: Original

| Year or quarter | Births | | Deaths | | Infant mortality ¹ | | Marriages | |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| | No. | Rate ² | No. | Rate ² | Deaths | Rate ³ | No. | Rate ² |
| Year ended 31 December | | | | | | | | |
| 1991 | 6 857 | 14.7 | 3 664 | 7.9 | 61 | 8.9 | 3 069 | 6.6 |
| 1992 | 6 956 | 14.8 | 3 722 | 7.9 | 43 | 6.2 | 3 081 | 6.6 |
| 1993 | 6 804 | 14.4 | 3 618 | 7.7 | 37 | 5.4 | 3 055 | 6.5 |
| 1994 | 6 836 | 14.5 | 3 909 | 8.3 | 46 | 6.7 | 2 887 | 6.1 |
| 1995 | 6 558 | 13.9 | 3 739 | 7.9 | 36 | 5.5 | 2 840 | 6.0 |
| Quarter | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 1 804 | .. | 897 | .. | 8 | 4.4 | 1 067 | .. |
| June | 1 611 | .. | 954 | .. | 10 | 6.2 | 667 | .. |
| September | 1 697 | .. | 982 | .. | 9 | 5.3 | 307 | .. |
| December | 1 446 | .. | 906 | .. | 9 | 6.2 | 799 | .. |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| March p | 1 748 | .. | 979 | .. | 10 | 5.7 | 857 | .. |
| June p | 1 524 | .. | 969 | .. | 6 | 3.9 | 789 | .. |

¹ Registered deaths of children under one year of age.

² Rate per 1,000 of estimated mean population.

³ Rate per 1,000 live births.

(Source: Australian Demographic Statistics, ABS catalogue number 3101.0)

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS¹: Seasonally adjusted and trend

| Month | Seasonally adjusted series | | | | Trend Series | | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Employed | Unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate | Employed | Unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |
| | '000 | '000 | % | % | '000 | '000 | % | % |
| MALES | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| November | 112.8 | 13.6 | 10.8 | 70.0 | 113.5 | 13.4 | 10.6 | 70.2 |
| December | 113.8 | 14.7 | 11.4 | 71.0 | 114.1 | 13.8 | 10.8 | 70.7 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 114.7 | 14.0 | 10.9 | 71.1 | 114.9 | 14.1 | 11.0 | 71.3 |
| February | 117.0 | 14.0 | 10.7 | 72.4 | 115.4 | 14.5 | 11.2 | 71.8 |
| March | 115.5 | 15.0 | 11.5 | 72.1 | 115.7 | 14.9 | 11.4 | 72.1 |
| April | 116.3 | 15.3 | 11.6 | 72.6 | 115.8 | 15.1 | 11.5 | 72.3 |
| May | 114.5 | 15.0 | 11.6 | 71.5 | 115.9 | 15.1 | 11.6 | 72.3 |
| June | 116.2 | 15.2 | 11.6 | 72.5 | 115.8 | 15.1 | 11.5 | 72.3 |
| July | 114.9 | 15.5 | 11.9 | 71.9 | 115.7 | 14.8 | 11.4 | 72.1 |
| August | 117.5 | 13.7 | 10.5 | 72.4 | 115.7 | 14.5 | 11.1 | 71.8 |
| September | 115.6 | 14.4 | 11.1 | 71.7 | 115.5 | 14.1 | 10.9 | 71.4 |
| October | 114.1 | 13.9 | 10.9 | 70.6 | 115.2 | 13.7 | 10.6 | 71.0 |
| November | 114.6 | 12.7 | 10.0 | 70.1 | 115.0 | 13.3 | 10.4 | 70.7 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| November | 86.7 | 9.4 | 9.8 | 51.4 | 87.4 | 8.2 | 8.6 | 51.1 |
| December | 88.2 | 8.2 | 8.5 | 51.5 | 87.3 | 8.4 | 8.7 | 51.1 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 86.5 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 50.4 | 87.0 | 8.4 | 8.8 | 51.0 |
| February | 86.9 | 8.4 | 8.9 | 50.9 | 86.6 | 8.4 | 8.8 | 50.7 |
| March | 85.3 | 9.1 | 9.7 | 50.4 | 86.2 | 8.4 | 8.9 | 50.5 |
| April | 87.0 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 50.5 | 85.9 | 8.5 | 9.0 | 50.4 |
| May | 84.6 | 8.7 | 9.3 | 49.8 | 85.6 | 8.7 | 9.2 | 50.4 |
| June | 86.0 | 8.9 | 9.3 | 50.6 | 85.4 | 8.9 | 9.4 | 50.4 |
| July | 85.0 | 9.7 | 10.3 | 50.5 | 85.2 | 9.1 | 9.7 | 50.3 |
| August | 85.5 | 9.0 | 9.5 | 50.4 | 85.0 | 9.3 | 9.9 | 50.3 |
| September | 83.8 | 9.4 | 10.1 | 49.7 | 84.8 | 9.5 | 10.1 | 50.3 |
| October | 85.5 | 10.0 | 10.5 | 50.9 | 84.6 | 9.7 | 10.3 | 50.2 |
| November | 83.9 | 9.7 | 10.4 | 49.9 | 84.4 | 9.8 | 10.4 | 50.2 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| November | 199.6 | 23.0 | 10.3 | 60.5 | 200.9 | 21.6 | 9.7 | 60.5 |
| December | 201.9 | 22.9 | 10.2 | 61.1 | 201.4 | 22.1 | 9.9 | 60.8 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 201.2 | 21.8 | 9.8 | 60.6 | 201.8 | 22.5 | 10.0 | 61.0 |
| February | 203.9 | 22.5 | 9.9 | 61.5 | 202.0 | 22.9 | 10.2 | 61.1 |
| March | 200.8 | 24.2 | 10.7 | 61.1 | 201.9 | 23.3 | 10.3 | 61.1 |
| April | 203.2 | 22.9 | 10.1 | 61.4 | 201.7 | 23.5 | 10.5 | 61.2 |
| May | 199.2 | 23.7 | 10.6 | 60.5 | 201.5 | 23.8 | 10.6 | 61.2 |
| June | 202.2 | 24.1 | 10.6 | 61.4 | 201.2 | 24.0 | 10.7 | 61.1 |
| July | 199.8 | 25.2 | 11.2 | 61.1 | 201.0 | 24.0 | 10.7 | 61.0 |
| August | 203.0 | 22.7 | 10.0 | 61.2 | 200.7 | 23.8 | 10.6 | 60.9 |
| September | 199.5 | 23.9 | 10.7 | 60.5 | 200.2 | 23.6 | 10.6 | 60.7 |
| October | 199.6 | 23.9 | 10.7 | 60.6 | 199.7 | 23.4 | 10.5 | 60.5 |
| November | 198.5 | 22.4 | 10.1 | 59.8 | 199.4 | 23.1 | 10.4 | 60.3 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.
(Source: *Labour Force Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0)

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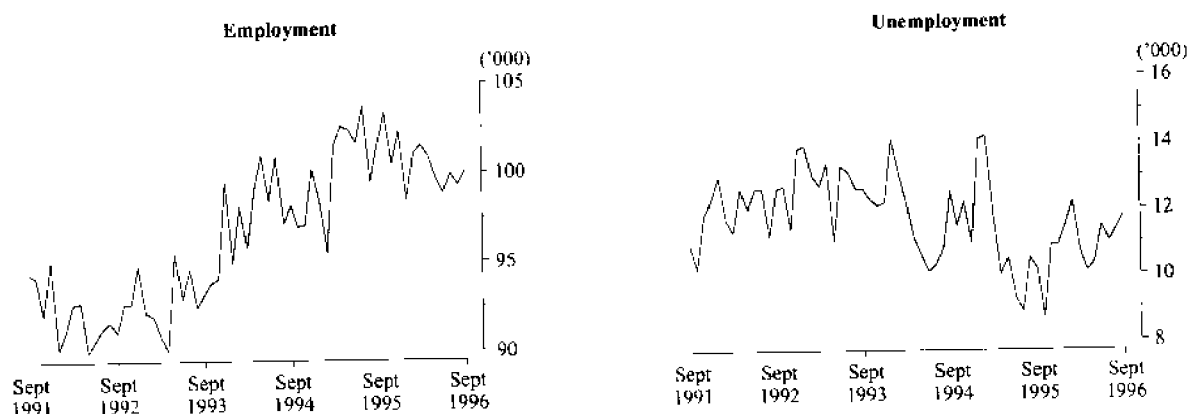
LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY REGION, MALES^{1, 2}: Original

| | | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Month | | '000 | '000 | % | % |
| HOBART AND SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS | | | | | |
| 1993 | September | 52.1 | 7.7 | 12.9 | 69.3 |
| 1995 | September | 56.2 | 7.0 | 11.0 | 72.3 |
| 1996 | July | 56.0 | 6.4 | 10.2 | 70.0 |
| | August | 55.8 | 7.1 | 11.3 | 70.9 |
| | September | 56.2 | 6.7 | 10.7 | 70.7 |
| NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION | | | | | |
| 1993 | September | 32.8 | 4.5 | 12.1 | 72.2 |
| 1995 | September | 32.0 | 3.8 | 10.6 | 71.0 |
| 1996 | July | 33.2 | 5.4 | 13.9 | 74.8 |
| | August | 33.6 | 3.8 | 10.3 | 72.5 |
| | September | 34.5 | 3.9 | 10.2 | 74.5 |
| MERSEY-LYELL STATISTICAL DIVISION | | | | | |
| 1993 | September | 25.0 | 4.9 | 16.5 | 72.5 |
| 1995 | September | 24.3 | 2.7 | 10.0 | 62.9 |
| 1996 | July | 26.6 | 3.0 | 10.1 | 72.7 |
| | August | 25.8 | 3.1 | 10.7 | 70.7 |
| | September | 24.5 | 3.9 | 13.6 | 69.5 |
| TASMANIA | | | | | |
| 1993 | September | 109.9 | 17.1 | 13.5 | 70.9 |
| 1995 | September | 112.5 | 13.5 | 10.7 | 69.7 |
| 1996 | July | 115.7 | 14.7 | 11.3 | 72.0 |
| | August | 115.2 | 14.0 | 10.9 | 71.3 |
| | September | 115.2 | 14.5 | 11.2 | 71.5 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.

² Data in this table are original series, i.e. they are not part of a seasonally adjusted or a trend series. Accordingly, care should be exercised when using these data. New monthly data from each quarter (March, June, September and December) are published two months after the quarter. (Source: Labour Force Estimates—microfiche tables.)

Hobart and Southern Statistical Divisions—Persons: Original



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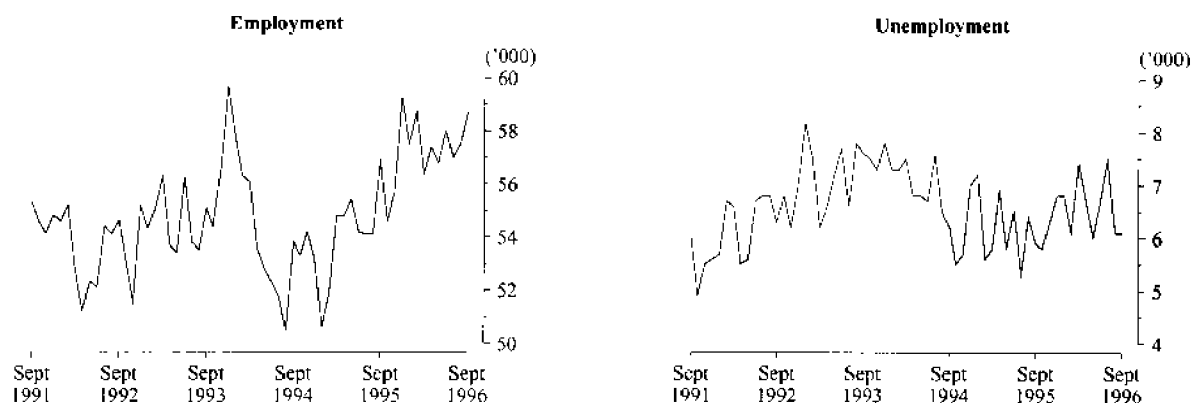
LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY REGION, FEMALES^{1, 2}: Original

| | | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Month | | '000 | '000 | % | % |
| HOBART AND SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS | | | | | |
| 1993 | September | 42.1 | 5.0 | 10.7 | 51.5 |
| 1995 | September | 45.3 | 3.2 | 6.6 | 52.2 |
| 1996 | July | 43.9 | 4.7 | 9.6 | 51.9 |
| | August | 43.4 | 4.3 | 9.0 | 50.6 |
| | September | 44.0 | 5.0 | 10.3 | 52.1 |
| NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION | | | | | |
| 1993 | September | 22.5 | 3.1 | 12.0 | 48.4 |
| 1995 | September | 24.9 | 2.2 | 8.0 | 52.0 |
| 1996 | July | 23.8 | 2.2 | 8.4 | 50.2 |
| | August | 23.9 | 2.2 | 8.5 | 50.3 |
| | September | 24.2 | 2.2 | 8.3 | 50.3 |
| MERSEY-LYELL STATISTICAL DIVISION | | | | | |
| 1993 | September | 17.5 | 2.7 | 13.3 | 48.9 |
| 1995 | September | 18.4 | 1.7 | 8.2 | 47.9 |
| 1996 | July | 17.7 | 2.6 | 13.0 | 48.5 |
| | August | 16.7 | 2.1 | 11.1 | 45.7 |
| | September | 16.8 | 2.0 | 10.9 | 45.9 |
| TASMANIA | | | | | |
| 1993 | September | 82.0 | 10.8 | 11.6 | 50.0 |
| 1995 | September | 88.7 | 7.0 | 7.3 | 51.2 |
| 1996 | July | 85.4 | 9.5 | 10.0 | 50.7 |
| | August | 84.1 | 8.6 | 9.3 | 49.4 |
| | September | 84.9 | 9.3 | 9.8 | 50.2 |

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Northern Statistical Division—Persons: Original



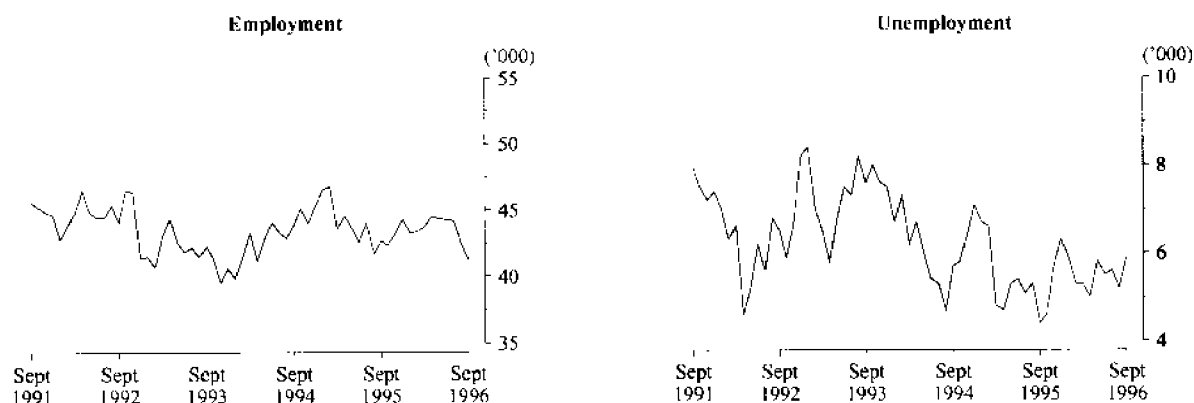
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LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY REGION, PERSONS^{1, 2}: **Original**

| Month | | Total employed '000 | Total unemployed '000 | Unemployment rate % | Participation rate % |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| HOBART AND SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS | | | | | |
| 1993 | September | 94.2 | 12.7 | 11.9 | 60.1 |
| 1995 | September | 101.6 | 10.2 | 9.1 | 61.9 |
| 1996 | July | 99.9 | 11.0 | 9.9 | 60.7 |
| | August | 99.3 | 11.4 | 10.3 | 60.4 |
| | September | 100.1 | 11.8 | 10.5 | 61.1 |
| NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION | | | | | |
| 1993 | September | 55.3 | 7.6 | 12.1 | 60.2 |
| 1995 | September | 56.9 | 5.9 | 9.5 | 61.4 |
| 1996 | July | 57.0 | 7.5 | 11.7 | 62.5 |
| | August | 57.5 | 6.1 | 9.6 | 61.4 |
| | September | 58.7 | 6.1 | 9.4 | 62.3 |
| MERSEY-LYELL STATISTICAL DIVISION | | | | | |
| 1993 | September | 42.4 | 7.6 | 15.2 | 60.7 |
| 1995 | September | 42.7 | 4.4 | 9.2 | 55.5 |
| 1996 | July | 44.2 | 5.6 | 11.3 | 60.4 |
| | August | 42.6 | 5.2 | 10.9 | 58.1 |
| | September | 41.3 | 5.9 | 12.5 | 57.6 |
| TASMANIA | | | | | |
| 1993 | September | 191.9 | 27.9 | 12.7 | 60.3 |
| 1995 | September | 201.1 | 20.4 | 9.2 | 60.3 |
| 1996 | July | 201.1 | 24.2 | 10.7 | 61.1 |
| | August | 199.3 | 22.7 | 10.2 | 60.2 |
| | September | 200.1 | 23.8 | 10.6 | 60.7 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.

² Data in this table are original series, i.e. they are not part of a seasonally adjusted or a trend series. Accordingly, care should be exercised when using these data. New monthly data from each quarter (March, June, September and December) are published two months after the quarter. (Source: Labour Force Estimates—microfiche tables.)

Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division—Persons: **Original**

| | | Employed | | Unemployed | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|----------------------------|-------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| | | Full-time | Total | Looking for full-time work | Total | Labour force | Not in labour force | Civilian population aged 15-19 | Unem- ployment rate | Unem- ployment population ratio | Partici- pation rate |
| Month | | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | % |
| ATTENDING NEITHER SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY INSTITUTION FULL TIME | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1993 | November | 6.1 | 8.7 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 11.8 | 1.9 | 13.7 | 26.0 | 22.3 | 86.0 |
| 1995 | November | 6.8 | 8.9 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 10.8 | 1.2 | 12.1 | 18.3 | 16.5 | 90.0 |
| 1996 | September | 6.9 | 9.3 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 11.4 | 1.2 | 12.6 | 18.8 | 16.7 | 90.2 |
| | October | 6.9 | 8.4 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 10.3 | 1.7 | 12.1 | 18.2 | 15.7 | 85.5 |
| | November | 6.8 | 9.0 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 11.4 | 1.5 | 12.9 | 20.6 | 18.2 | 88.5 |
| ATTENDING SCHOOL OR A TERTIARY INSTITUTION FULL TIME | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1993 | November | 0.2 | 4.9 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 6.5 | 14.3 | 20.8 | 24.6 | 7.7 | 31.3 |
| 1995 | November | 0.1 | 6.3 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 8.0 | 13.9 | 21.9 | 21.3 | 7.8 | 36.5 |
| 1996 | September | 0.2 | 6.8 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 8.5 | 13.0 | 21.5 | 20.0 | 7.9 | 39.5 |
| | October | 0.3 | 6.3 | 0.2 | 2.1 | 8.4 | 13.8 | 22.1 | 25.0 | 9.5 | 38.0 |
| | November | 0.1 | 5.0 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 6.4 | 14.9 | 21.4 | 21.6 | 6.5 | 30.0 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1993 | November | 6.3 | 13.6 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 18.3 | 16.2 | 34.5 | 25.5 | 13.5 | 53.1 |
| 1995 | November | 6.8 | 15.1 | 2.3 | 3.7 | 18.8 | 15.1 | 34.0 | 19.6 | 10.9 | 55.4 |
| 1996 | September | 7.0 | 16.0 | 2.3 | 3.8 | 19.9 | 14.3 | 34.2 | 19.3 | 11.1 | 58.2 |
| | October | 7.3 | 14.7 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 18.7 | 15.5 | 34.2 | 21.3 | 11.7 | 54.6 |
| | November | 6.9 | 14.1 | 2.5 | 3.7 | 17.8 | 16.4 | 34.2 | 21.0 | 10.9 | 52.0 |

¹ Persons aged 15-19 years.

² For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to Labour Force, Australia, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.
(Source: Labour Force Estimates—microfiche tables.)

| Occupation | May 1995 | | May 1996 | | Proportion of total employed | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| | Persons | | Males | Females | Persons | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | May 1995 | May 1996 |
| | | | | | % | % |
| Managers and administrators | 19.0 | 13.6 | 3.4 | 17.0 | 9.4 | 8.5 |
| Farmers and farm managers | 6.5 | 4.0 | 0.9 | 4.9 | 3.2 | 2.4 |
| Managing supervisors | 6.9 | 6.5 | 1.5 | 8.0 | 3.4 | 4.0 |
| Other | 5.6 | 3.1 | 1.2 | 4.1 | 2.8 | 2.0 |
| Professionals | 25.1 | 12.8 | 10.7 | 23.5 | 12.5 | 11.7 |
| Building and professional engineers | 2.4 | 1.6 | — | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.8 |
| Health diagnosis and treatment practitioners | 3.0 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| School teachers | 8.5 | 1.4 | 3.7 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 2.5 |
| Business professionals | 3.7 | 3.8 | 1.4 | 5.2 | 1.9 | 2.6 |
| Other | 7.4 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 8.8 | 3.7 | 4.4 |
| Para-professionals | 14.3 | 7.3 | 5.8 | 13.1 | 7.1 | 6.5 |
| Engineering and building associates and technicians | 1.6 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Registered nurses | 5.7 | 0.4 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 2.8 | 2.2 |
| Other | 7.0 | 5.2 | 1.7 | 6.8 | 3.5 | 3.4 |
| Tradespersons | 29.1 | 26.3 | 3.4 | 29.7 | 14.4 | 14.8 |
| Metal fitting and machining tradespersons | 2.8 | 2.4 | — | 2.4 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| Electrical and electronics tradespersons | 4.0 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 4.6 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| Building tradespersons | 6.4 | 6.9 | 0.1 | 7.0 | 3.2 | 3.5 |
| Other | 15.9 | 12.4 | 3.2 | 15.7 | 7.9 | 7.8 |
| Clerks | 33.0 | 8.8 | 26.1 | 34.9 | 16.4 | 17.4 |
| Stenographers and typists | 3.8 | 0.1 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 1.9 | 1.7 |
| Receptionists, telephonists and messengers | 5.0 | 1.2 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 2.5 | 2.8 |
| Other | 24.2 | 7.5 | 18.2 | 25.8 | 12.0 | 12.8 |
| Salespersons and personal service workers | 34.2 | 9.7 | 23.0 | 32.7 | 17.0 | 16.3 |
| Sales representatives | 2.9 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 3.3 | 1.4 | 1.6 |
| Sales assistants | 15.3 | 4.0 | 10.5 | 14.5 | 7.6 | 7.2 |
| Other | 16.0 | 3.7 | 11.2 | 14.9 | 7.9 | 7.4 |
| Plant and machine operators, and drivers | 16.2 | 15.1 | 2.1 | 17.2 | 8.0 | 8.6 |
| Road and rail transport drivers | 6.9 | 6.1 | 0.6 | 6.6 | 3.4 | 3.3 |
| Machine operators | 4.4 | 3.3 | 1.5 | 4.8 | 2.2 | 2.4 |
| Other | 4.9 | 5.7 | — | 5.8 | 2.4 | 2.9 |
| Labourers and related workers | 30.6 | 21.2 | 11.6 | 32.8 | 15.2 | 16.3 |
| Trades assistants and factory hands | 5.4 | 3.7 | 1.4 | 5.1 | 2.7 | 2.5 |
| Agricultural labourers and related workers | 7.0 | 5.8 | 2.2 | 8.1 | 3.5 | 4.0 |
| Cleaners | 6.4 | 1.3 | 4.6 | 5.9 | 3.2 | 2.9 |
| Construction and mining labourers | 2.0 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 |
| Other | 9.8 | 7.5 | 3.3 | 10.7 | 4.9 | 5.3 |
| Total employed | 201.4 | 115.0 | 86.0 | 200.9 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.
(Source: Labour Force Estimates—unpublished data.)

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EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, SECTOR AND INDUSTRY¹: Original

| Industry | Employees, February 1995 | | | | | Percentage distribution | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| | Private | Public | Private and public | | | February 1993 | February 1995 |
| | No. ('000) | No. ('000) | Males | Females | Persons | | |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | n.a. | 0.7 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Mining | 1.5 | | 1.4 | 0.1 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.1 |
| Manufacturing | 20.3 | 0.1 | 15.4 | 4.9 | 20.4 | 14.8 | 15.2 |
| Electricity, gas and water, construction | 6.0 | 2.7 | 7.6 | 1.0 | 8.7 | 6.8 | 6.5 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 26.0 | — | 15.0 | 11.0 | 26.1 | 20.8 | 19.4 |
| Transport and storage | 3.6 | 1.5 | 4.1 | 1.1 | 5.2 | 4.1 | 3.9 |
| Communication | — | 2.3 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| Finance, property and business services | 10.1 | 0.9 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 10.9 | 9.3 | 8.1 |
| Public administration and defence | — | 10.5 | 6.5 | 4.0 | 10.5 | 7.0 | 7.8 |
| Community services | 14.0 | 23.4 | 11.9 | 25.5 | 37.4 | 24.9 | 27.8 |
| Recreation, personal and other services | 10.2 | 0.6 | 4.1 | 6.7 | 10.8 | 8.4 | 8.0 |
| Total all industries | 91.8 | 42.6 | 73.2 | 61.2 | 134.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia*, catalogue number 6248.0.
(Source: *Employed Wage and Salary Earners*, ABS catalogue number 6248.0.)

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AVERAGE HOURS WORKED: Original

| Month | Average weekly total hours worked, all employed persons ¹ | | | Average weekly overtime hours ² | | Percentage of employees working overtime ² |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | Males | Females | Persons | Per employee | Per employee working overtime | |
| 1993 | | | | | | |
| August | 38.8 | 27.8 | 34.1 | 0.8 | 6.3 | 13.2 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| August | 40.9 | 29.6 | 36.0 | 0.8 | 5.7 | 14.4 |
| November | 39.7 | 26.5 | 33.9 | 0.9 | 6.4 | 14.7 |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| February | 37.7 | 25.6 | 32.7 | 0.9 | 6.5 | 14.1 |
| May | 40.1 | 27.0 | 34.5 | 0.9 | 5.6 | 16.0 |
| August | 38.8 | 27.2 | 33.9 | 0.8 | 5.4 | 14.4 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.

² For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6354.0.

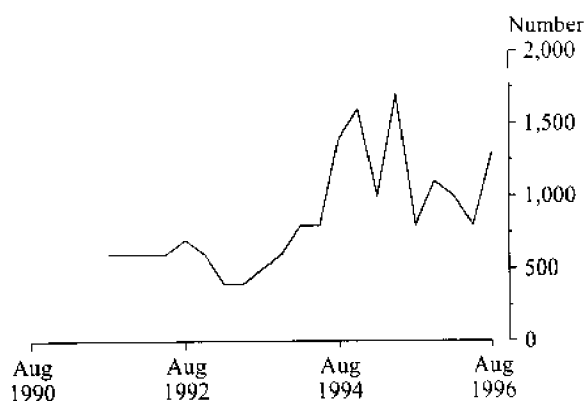
11 JOB VACANCIES¹: Original

| Period | Number | Rate ² % |
|-------------|--------|------------------------|
| 1993 | | |
| August | 500 | 0.4 |
| 1995 | | |
| August | 800 | 0.6 |
| November | 1 100 | 0.7 |
| 1996 | | |
| February | 1 000 | 0.6 |
| May | 800 | 0.5 |
| August | 1 300 | 0.8 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts refer to *Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia*, catalogue number 6354.0.

² Job vacancies are expressed as a percentage of the number of job vacancies divided by the number of employees plus job vacancies.

JOB VACANCIES: Original



12 INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES¹: Original

| Month | Working days lost '000 | Twelve months ending | Working days lost per thousand employees no. |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1995 | | 1995 | |
| September | 0.1 | September | 30 |
| October | — | October | 30 |
| November | 0.1 | November | 30 |
| December | 0.2 | December | 22 |
| 1996 | | 1996 | |
| January | 0.8 | January | 24 |
| February | 0.1 | February | 23 |
| March | — | March | 20 |
| April | 0.1 | April | 20 |
| May | 0.2 | May | 19 |
| June | 0.4 | June | 17 |
| July | 4.4 | July | 39 |
| August | 5.2 | August | 70 |
| September | 1.3 | September | 77 |
| Twelve months ended 1996 | | | |
| September | 12.7 | | |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Industrial Disputes, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6321.0.

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES¹: Original and trend

| Quarter | Survey reference period | Full-time adult males | | All males | Full-time adult females | | All females | Full-time adult persons | | All employees |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Weekly ordinary time earnings | Weekly total earnings | Weekly total earnings | Weekly ordinary time earnings | Weekly total earnings | Weekly total earnings | Weekly ordinary time earnings | Weekly total earnings | Weekly total earnings |
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| ORIGINAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 18 August | 634.60 | 675.50 | 598.70 | 544.50 | 555.10 | 384.80 | 604.20 | 634.80 | 495.60 |
| December | 17 November | 647.90 | 687.90 | 615.50 | 556.10 | 569.00 | 403.20 | 617.30 | 648.20 | 513.80 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 16 February | 652.70 | 691.40 | 617.80 | 561.10 | 569.30 | 391.80 | 622.90 | 651.70 | 510.00 |
| June | 17 May | 663.40 | 702.80 | 621.90 | 570.10 | 583.20 | 389.30 | 631.90 | 662.40 | 503.30 |
| September | 16 August | 666.90 | 699.20 | 624.30 | 556.30 | 567.40 | 387.70 | 629.10 | 654.10 | 506.50 |
| TREND | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 18 August | 637.90 | 679.80 | 609.10 | 548.90 | 559.80 | 392.00 | 608.60 | 640.30 | 504.90 |
| December | 17 November | 645.10 | 685.40 | 611.40 | 554.30 | 565.20 | 392.80 | 614.90 | 645.70 | 506.40 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 16 February | 653.60 | 691.70 | 614.50 | 560.30 | 571.00 | 392.00 | 622.30 | 651.30 | 506.30 |
| June | 17 May | 662.20 | 699.30 | 621.60 | 564.70 | 575.90 | 391.90 | 629.50 | 657.60 | 507.40 |
| September | 16 August | 669.50 | 705.80 | 630.40 | 567.10 | 578.80 | 392.00 | 635.30 | 663.00 | 509.70 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6302.0.
(Source: *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6302.0.)

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WEEKLY AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES, FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES¹: Original (Base: June 1985 = 100.0)

| Industry | 1993 | 1995 | 1996 | | |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | October | October | August | September | October |
| Mining | 137.7 | 137.7 | 137.7 | 137.7 | 137.7 |
| Manufacturing | 145.0 | 149.7 | 152.1 | 152.1 | 152.1 |
| Electricity, gas and water | 131.9 | 136.3 | 136.6 | 136.6 | 136.6 |
| Construction | 141.3 | 144.0 | 145.1 | 145.1 | 145.1 |
| Wholesale trade | 137.6 | 142.7 | 143.5 | 143.5 | 143.5 |
| Retail trade | 136.6 | 142.7 | 142.8 | 142.8 | 142.8 |
| Transport and storage | 137.9 | 140.0 | 143.9 | 143.9 | 143.9 |
| Communication | 135.4 | 135.4 | 135.4 | 135.4 | 135.4 |
| Finance, property and business services | 137.4 | 138.1 | 139.6 | 139.6 | 139.6 |
| Public administration and defence | 147.7 | 152.9 | 155.2 | 155.2 | 156.0 |
| Community services | 140.3 | 144.8 | 145.2 | 145.2 | 145.5 |
| Recreation, personal and other services | 146.4 | 153.0 | 153.8 | 153.8 | 153.8 |
| Total all industries | 140.5 | 144.5 | 145.8 | 145.8 | 145.9 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6312.0.
(Source: *Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6312.0.)

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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL MOVEMENTS IN WAGES AND PRICES: **Original**

| Period | CPI. All groups Hobart | Price index of materials used in house building. All groups, Hobart | Price index of materials used in building other than house building. All groups, Hobart | Average weekly total, earnings, full-time adult employees | Weekly award rates of pay index, full-time adult employees |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR | | | | | |
| 1993 | | | | | |
| October | .. | 2.1 | 2.2 | .. | 0.3 |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| October | .. | 3.6 | 3.7 | .. | 1.6 |
| 1996 | | | | | |
| February | .. | 2.2 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 1.4 |
| March | 3.4 | 1.6 | 2.0 | .. | 1.2 |
| April | .. | 1.7 | 1.4 | .. | 1.2 |
| May | .. | 0.6 | 1.2 | 3.7 | 1.1 |
| June | 3.0 | 0.7 | 1.0 | .. | 1.3 |
| July | .. | - 0.1 | 1.0 | .. | 0.9 |
| August | .. | - 0.2 | 0.9 | 3.0 | 0.9 |
| September | 2.3 | - 0.2 | 0.8 | .. | 0.8 |
| October | .. | - 0.8 | 0.4 | .. | 0.9 |

(Sources
Consumer Price Index, ABS catalogue number 6401.0,
Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, ABS catalogue number 6408.0,
Price Index of Materials Used in Other than House Building, ABS catalogue number 6407.0,
Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia, ABS catalogue number 6302.0,
Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia, ABS catalogue number 6312.0.)

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HOUSE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS¹, HOBART: **Original** (Base of each Index: 1989-90 = 100.0)

| | Established house price index | | Project home price index | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Index | % change ² | Index | % change ² |
| 1993-94 | 122.5 | 5.1 | 117.7 | 3.2 |
| 1994-95 | 129.0 | 5.3 | 121.3 | 3.1 |
| 1995-96 | 129.8 | 0.6 | 123.4 | 1.7 |
| 1994 | | | | |
| September | 128.2 | 1.7 | 120.1 | 0.6 |
| December | 128.2 | — | 120.5 | 0.3 |
| 1995 | | | | |
| March | 129.4 | 0.9 | 121.6 | 0.9 |
| June | 130.1 | 0.5 | 123.1 | 1.2 |
| September | 129.2 | - 0.7 | 123.5 | 0.3 |
| December | 129.1 | - 0.1 | 123.5 | — |
| 1996 | | | | |
| March | 129.8 | + 0.5 | 123.3 | - 0.2 |
| June | 131.2 | + 1.1 | 123.3 | — |
| September | 130.2 | - 0.8 | 123.3 | — |

¹ Used in calculating the mortgage interest charges component of the Consumer Price Index.

² Percentage change over previous period.

(Source: House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities, ABS catalogue number 6416.0)

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, HOBART AND EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED^{1, 2}: Original

(Base of each index: year 1989-90 = 100.0)

| Period | Hobart | | | | | |
|-------------|--------|----------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| | Food | Clothing | Housing ³ | Household equipment and operation | Transportation | Tobacco and alcohol |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| March | 112.6 | 106.4 | 93.3 | 112.2 | 111.9 | 134.3 |
| June | 112.2 | 106.4 | 94.2 | 112.4 | 112.8 | 134.8 |
| September | 113.9 | 106.6 | 94.8 | 112.8 | 113.9 | 137.2 |
| December | 113.3 | 105.3 | 97.6 | 113.9 | 115.0 | 139.1 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| March | 115.4 | 105.0 | 102.7 | 114.9 | 115.1 | 140.3 |
| June | 116.1 | 106.1 | 104.5 | 115.4 | 117.2 | 143.1 |
| September | 117.3 | 105.9 | 106.0 | 116.5 | 119.4 | 144.3 |
| December | 117.1 | 105.6 | 106.5 | 117.5 | 120.1 | 145.9 |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| March | 118.1 | 106.3 | 107.2 | 117.8 | 119.0 | 150.3 |
| June | 118.4 | 106.0 | 107.6 | 118.5 | 119.8 | 153.3 |
| September | 120.0 | 105.9 | 107.4 | 119.1 | 119.7 | 153.7 |

| Period | Hobart | | | | Weighted average of eight capital cities | |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Health and personal care | Recreation and education | Index, all groups | % change over previous period, all groups | Index | % change over previous period |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| March | 137.5 | 109.7 | 111.9 | + 0.3 | 110.4 | + 0.4 |
| June | 137.9 | 111.3 | 112.4 | + 0.4 | 111.2 | + 0.7 |
| September | 138.7 | 111.7 | 113.3 | + 0.8 | 111.9 | + 0.6 |
| December | 138.7 | 113.0 | 114.2 | + 0.8 | 112.8 | + 0.8 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| March | 140.4 | 115.4 | 116.1 | + 1.7 | 114.7 | + 1.7 |
| June | 141.0 | 114.0 | 117.1 | + 0.9 | 116.2 | + 1.3 |
| September | 146.7 | 113.3 | 118.4 | + 1.1 | 117.6 | + 1.2 |
| December | 146.9 | 115.8 | 119.2 | + 0.7 | 118.5 | + 0.8 |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| March | 149.7 | 117.1 | 120.1 | + 0.8 | 119.0 | + 0.4 |
| June | 150.5 | 116.0 | 120.6 | + 0.4 | 119.8 | + 0.7 |
| September | 154.1 | 115.1 | 121.1 | + 0.4 | 120.1 | + 0.3 |

¹ Further information on construction of CPI indexes is contained in the bulletin *The Australian Consumer Price Index Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Catalogue No. 6461.0).

² The CPI is now published on a reference base of 1989-90 = 100.0.

(Source: *Consumer Price Index*, ABS catalogue number 6401.0)

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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING, HOBART: **Original**
(Base year: 1989-90 = 100.0)

| Index numbers for selected major building materials | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Period | Structural timber | Clay bricks | Ready mixed concrete | Precast concrete products | Steel decking, cladding etc. | Structural steel | |
| 1995 | | | | | | | |
| August | 122.0 | 118.1 | 117.0 | 130.3 | 110.7 | 119.6 | |
| September | 122.1 | 123.2 | 116.7 | 130.3 | 111.0 | 119.6 | |
| October | 119.7 | 123.2 | 117.2 | 130.3 | 111.0 | 120.9 | |
| November | 120.1 | 123.2 | 116.3 | 130.3 | 111.0 | 120.9 | |
| December | 120.1 | 123.3 | 114.5 | 130.4 | 111.0 | 121.9 | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | |
| January | 120.1 | 123.3 | 116.9 | 130.4 | 111.0 | 121.9 | |
| February | 116.9 | 123.3 | 115.9 | 128.4 | 112.1 | 121.9 | |
| March | 116.9 | 123.7 | 113.2 | 128.4 | 112.3 | 121.9 | |
| April | 116.9 | 123.7 | 113.2 | 128.4 | 112.3 | 122.7 | |
| May | 114.4 | 123.7 | 112.9 | 128.4 | 112.3 | 122.7 | |
| June | 113.8 | 124.5 | 112.1 | 128.4 | 112.3 | 123.7 | |
| July | 114.5 | 124.5 | 114.2 | 132.6 | 112.3 | 125.2 | |
| August p | 112.7 | 124.5 | 115.5 | 132.6 | 112.3 | 126.0 | |
| September p | 112.7 | 124.5 | 114.7 | 132.6 | 112.3 | 124.7 | |
| October p | 110.6 | 124.5 | 115.8 | 132.6 | 112.3 | 124.7 | |
| Index numbers for selected major building materials | | | | | | | |
| Period | Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh | Aluminium windows | Fabricated steel products | Builders' hardware | Sand & aggregate | Paint & other coatings | Non-ferrous pipes & fittings |
| 1995 | | | | | | | |
| August | 107.4 | 104.5 | 107.7 | 118.9 | 133.1 | 119.5 | 184.4 |
| September | 109.2 | 104.5 | 107.6 | 120.4 | 133.1 | 118.9 | 169.0 |
| October | 109.2 | 104.5 | 108.3 | 120.7 | 133.1 | 118.9 | 169.1 |
| November | 109.2 | 104.5 | 108.3 | 119.2 | 133.1 | 118.7 | 169.1 |
| December | 109.2 | 104.5 | 108.3 | 117.7 | 133.1 | 121.4 | 169.1 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | |
| January | 109.2 | 104.5 | 108.3 | 118.3 | 133.1 | 121.5 | 169.1 |
| February | 109.2 | 104.5 | 108.1 | 117.7 | 133.1 | 121.5 | 169.4 |
| March | 109.2 | 104.7 | 108.3 | 117.7 | 133.1 | 121.5 | 169.4 |
| April | 109.2 | 104.4 | 111.5 | 117.3 | 133.1 | 118.1 | 172.8 |
| May | 109.2 | 104.4 | 111.5 | 116.0 | 133.1 | 120.6 | 174.5 |
| June | 109.2 | 104.4 | 111.9 | 116.1 | 133.1 | 124.5 | 174.5 |
| July | 109.2 | 104.4 | 111.9 | 115.4 | 133.1 | 126.1 | 168.7 |
| August p | 110.7 | 104.4 | 112.4 | 118.9 | 133.1 | 126.1 | 167.9 |
| September p | 110.8 | 104.4 | 113.6 | 119.0 | 133.1 | 126.7 | 167.9 |
| October p | 110.9 | 105.5 | 113.6 | 119.1 | 133.1 | 126.7 | 160.8 |

(Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Other than House Building, ABS catalogue number 6407.0)

continued

| Period | All electrical materials | | All mechanical services | | All plumbing materials | |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Index | % change over previous period | Index | % change over previous period | Index | % change over previous period |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| August | 118.9 | + 0.8 | 114.0 | - 0.1 | 129.9 | + 0.2 |
| September | 118.9 | --- | 113.3 | 0.6 | 126.6 | - 2.5 |
| October | 118.7 | - 0.2 | 115.2 | + 1.7 | 127.4 | + 0.6 |
| November | 118.7 | --- | 114.7 | - 0.4 | 127.4 | --- |
| December | 118.5 | - 0.2 | 114.8 | - 0.1 | 127.5 | + 0.1 |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| January | 117.8 | - 0.6 | 114.8 | --- | 127.5 | --- |
| February | 117.8 | --- | 115.4 | + 0.5 | 127.6 | + 0.1 |
| March | 118.6 | + 0.7 | 115.7 | + 0.3 | 127.6 | --- |
| April | 118.3 | - 0.3 | 116.1 | - 0.3 | 126.6 | - 0.8 |
| May | 119.6 | + 1.1 | 116.1 | --- | 127.1 | + 0.4 |
| June | 119.5 | 0.1 | 116.5 | + 0.3 | 127.3 | + 0.2 |
| July | 119.5 | --- | 116.3 | - 0.2 | 127.0 | - 0.2 |
| August p | 113.7 | - 4.9 | 117.4 | + 0.9 | 126.0 | - 0.8 |
| September p | 113.9 | + 0.2 | 117.6 | + 0.2 | 126.0 | --- |
| October p | 118.3 | + 3.9 | 117.3 | - 0.3 | 120.4 | - 4.4 |
| | | | | | | |
| | All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services | | | All groups | | |
| Period | Index | % change over previous period | Index | % change over previous period | | |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| August | 115.3 | + 0.2 | 114.9 | + 0.2 | | |
| September | 115.5 | + 0.2 | 114.9 | --- | | |
| October | 115.8 | + 0.3 | 115.5 | + 0.5 | | |
| November | 115.7 | - 0.1 | 115.3 | - 0.2 | | |
| December | 115.5 | 0.2 | 115.1 | - 0.2 | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| January | 115.9 | + 0.3 | 115.3 | + 0.2 | | |
| February | 115.6 | 0.3 | 115.2 | - 0.1 | | |
| March | 115.3 | - 0.3 | 115.1 | - 0.1 | | |
| April | 115.2 | - 0.1 | 115.1 | --- | | |
| May | 115.3 | + 0.1 | 115.2 | + 0.1 | | |
| June | 115.3 | --- | 115.3 | + 0.1 | | |
| July | 116.1 | + 0.7 | 115.8 | + 0.4 | | |
| August p | 116.5 | + 0.3 | 115.9 | + 0.1 | | |
| September p | 116.3 | - 0.2 | 115.8 | - 0.1 | | |
| October p | 116.2 | - 0.1 | 116.0 | + 0.2 | | |

(Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Other than House Building, ABS catalogue number 6407.0.)

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19

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED COMMODITIES: **Original**

| Year or month | Dairy products ¹ | | | Staff-hours worked ² | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Whole milk ³ | Factory butter ⁴ | Factory cheese | Textile manufacturing ⁵ | Vegetable preserving |
| | million litres | tonnes | tonnes | '000 | '000 |
| 1993-94 | 447.3 | 7 846 | 22 461 | 1 575 | 2 002 |
| 1994-95 | 436.5 | 8 105 | 20 529 | 1 527 | 1 838 |
| 1995-96 | 513.8 | 9 589 | 25 371 | 1 443 | 1 784 |
| 1993 | | | | | |
| September | 40.5 | 714 | 2 196 | 127 | 150 |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| September | 45.6 | 764 | 1 981 | 133 | 123 |
| 1996 | | | | | |
| July | 11.7 | 196 | 498 | 127 | 154 |
| August | 21.6 | 392 | 1 181 | 122 | 140 |
| September | 48.8 | 926 | 2 225 | 108 | 117 |

| Year or month | Newsprint ⁶ | Refined zinc | Metal, refin. index ⁷ | Electricity | Gas |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | | million kW.h | '000 MJ |
| | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 208.9 | 193.8 | 105.5 | 8 855 | 55 767 |
| 1994-95 | 222.7 | 189.8 | 98.3 | 8 688 | 51 933 |
| 1995-96 | 242.9 | 207.8 | 104.7 | 9 100 | 41 035 |
| 1993 | | | | | |
| September | 20.3 | 16.6 | 110.3 | 771 | 5 342 |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| September | 17.3 | 15.8 | 99.2 | 767 | 3 983 |
| 1996 | | | | | |
| July | 21.0 | 17.5 | 114.8 | 882 | 3 949 |
| August | 21.2 | 18.1 | 118.5 | 881 | 2 876 |
| September | 17.7 | 17.8 | 116.7 | 831 | 1 956 |

¹ Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.
² Changing productivity per staff-hour makes these indicators unsatisfactory for long-term comparisons.
³ Includes the whole milk equivalent of farm cream intake.
⁴ Includes butter equivalent of butter oil.
⁵ Includes spinning, weaving and carpet making. Reported by establishments which manufacture textiles only, or manufacture clothing and textiles in the one plant.
⁶ Excludes production of directory newsprint and high grade specialty paper.
⁷ Metallurgical refining index (Base: 1979-80 = 100.0). Output from selected establishments covering the smelting and refining of ferro-alloys, zinc and aluminium. The weighting pattern is based on the establishments' value added as derived from the 1979-80 Manufacturing Census. For multi-product establishments, value added was apportioned to products on the basis of gross receipts from each product.
 (Source: ABS unpublished data.)

20

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING: Original

| | | <i>Cattle</i> | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| | | <i>Bulls, bullocks and steers</i> | <i>Cows and heifers</i> | <i>Calves</i> | <i>Sheep</i> | <i>Lambs</i> | <i>Pigs</i> |
| <i>Year or month</i> | | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| 1993-94 | | 101.8 | 85.2 | 23.2 | 526.1 | 437.8 | 95.8 |
| 1994-95 | | 111.2 | 96.7 | 28.8 | 569.3 | 477.2 | 92.9 |
| 1995-96 | p | 99.2 | 85.7 | 41.7 | 390.2 | 410.0 | 81.8 |
| 1994 | | | | | | | |
| October | | 6.2 | 6.9 | 2.9 | 36.2 | 30.4 | 6.7 |
| 1995 | | | | | | | |
| October | p | 7.0 | 6.3 | 5.3 | 25.5 | 28.6 | 6.1 |
| November | p | 8.8 | 7.1 | 0.8 | 36.5 | 34.9 | 6.9 |
| December | p | 9.5 | 7.6 | 0.5 | 44.8 | 40.5 | 8.4 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | |
| January | p | 11.2 | 6.8 | 0.1 | 43.6 | 38.9 | 6.1 |
| February | p | 8.6 | 7.8 | 0.1 | 39.8 | 40.4 | 6.3 |
| March | p | 9.0 | 8.9 | 0.2 | 40.6 | 41.2 | 7.2 |
| April | p | 6.6 | 6.4 | 0.9 | 31.4 | 30.7 | 6.0 |
| May | p | 10.8 | 10.7 | 1.4 | 42.5 | 39.7 | 7.3 |
| June | p | 9.1 | 9.0 | 0.7 | 30.6 | 33.1 | 6.6 |
| July | p | 7.6 | 5.5 | 1.8 | 22.9 | 26.0 | 6.8 |
| August | p | 6.4 | 4.2 | 13.5 | 12.2 | 21.6 | 5.9 |
| September | p | 6.6 | 4.8 | 17.0 | 13.1 | 26.2 | 5.9 |
| October | p | 7.9 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 20.6 | 25.9 | 5.5 |

(Source: *Livestock Products, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 7215.0.)

21

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING: Seasonally adjusted and trend

| | | <i>Seasonally adjusted</i> | | | <i>Trend</i> | | |
|--------------|--|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| | | <i>Cattle and calves</i> | <i>Sheep and lambs</i> | <i>Pigs</i> | <i>Cattle and calves</i> | <i>Sheep and lambs</i> | <i>Pigs</i> |
| <i>Month</i> | | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| 1994 | | | | | | | |
| October | | 18.7 | 89.9 | 7.5 | 19.4 | 97.5 | 7.6 |
| 1995 | | | | | | | |
| October | | 19.4 | 70.5 | 6.9 | 19.7 | 69.1 | 6.9 |
| November | | 19.8 | 68.5 | 6.5 | 19.8 | 70.2 | 7.0 |
| December | | 27.7 | 76.7 | 6.8 | 19.7 | 70.4 | 6.9 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | |
| January | | 18.8 | 71.7 | 7.4 | 19.3 | 69.3 | 6.9 |
| February | | 17.9 | 64.2 | 6.8 | 18.9 | 67.6 | 6.9 |
| March | | 18.3 | 63.5 | 7.0 | 18.6 | 66.0 | 6.8 |
| April | | 16.0 | 60.0 | 6.6 | 18.6 | 64.6 | 6.7 |
| May | | 21.8 | 69.4 | 6.4 | 19.0 | 63.5 | 6.6 |
| June | | 21.2 | 61.2 | 6.2 | 19.6 | 62.3 | 6.5 |
| July | | 18.0 | 67.9 | 6.9 | 20.1 | 60.6 | 6.4 |
| August | | 19.6 | 50.8 | 6.0 | 20.4 | 58.5 | 6.2 |
| September | | 22.8 | 55.3 | 6.4 | 20.6 | 56.4 | 6.1 |
| October | | 19.7 | 55.3 | 5.6 | 20.8 | 54.6 | 6.0 |

(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

22

MEAT PRODUCTION¹: Original

| Year or month | | Beef | Veal | Mutton | Lamb | Pigmeat ² | Total |
|---------------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| | | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes |
| 1993-94 | | 47 458 | 515 | 9 992 | 7 047 | 6 019 | 71 031 |
| 1994-95 | | 49 907 | 977 | 11 230 | 8 412 | 5 982 | 76 509 |
| 1995-96 | p | 44 812 | 1 091 | 8 283 | 7 727 | 5 346 | 67 259 |
| 1994 | | | | | | | |
| October | | 3 160 | 125 | 723 | 565 | 474 | 5 047 |
| 1995 | | | | | | | |
| October | p | 3 151 | 141 | 529 | 540 | 399 | 4 761 |
| November | p | 3 846 | 24 | 797 | 659 | 449 | 5 775 |
| December | p | 4 145 | 17 | 983 | 764 | 546 | 6 456 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | |
| January | p | 4 467 | 4 | 937 | 733 | 397 | 6 538 |
| February | p | 4 122 | 5 | 852 | 761 | 410 | 6 150 |
| March | p | 4 175 | 9 | 860 | 777 | 470 | 6 290 |
| April | p | 3 012 | 26 | 657 | 579 | 397 | 4 671 |
| May | p | 5 230 | 42 | 892 | 749 | 476 | 7 389 |
| June | p | 4 429 | 21 | 638 | 624 | 430 | 6 143 |
| July | p | 3 203 | 48 | 475 | 488 | 443 | 4 657 |
| August | p | 2 564 | 344 | 249 | 407 | 385 | 3 949 |
| September | p | 2 811 | 430 | 269 | 493 | 384 | 4 387 |
| October | p | 3 375 | 157 | 425 | 488 | 360 | 4 804 |

¹ Carcass weight.

² Includes pork used for production of bacon and ham.

(Source: Livestock Products, Australia, ABS catalogue number 7215 0.)

23

PRINCIPAL MINERAL CONCENTRATES PRODUCED: Original

| Year or quarter | Copper | Iron (pellets) | Lead | Lead-zinc | Tin | Zinc |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Year or quarter | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes |
| 1993-94 | 128.1 | 1 565.9 | 93.4 | 57.5 | 13.4 | 316.5 |
| 1994-95 | 59.4 | 1 483.8 | 97.4 | 45.3 | 14.3 | 350.6 |
| 1995-96 | 53.5 | 1 681.3 | 106.3 | 38.6 | 16.0 | 361.5 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| June | 3.9 | 415.8 | 26.5 | 15.8 | 4.2 | 86.2 |
| September | 4.5 | 463.0 | 28.4 | 11.2 | 4.1 | 93.6 |
| December | 7.8 | 416.0 | 29.7 | 6.8 | 4.1 | 98.1 |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| March | 19.8 | 326.9 | 24.1 | 11.4 | r 3.5 | 84.8 |
| June | 21.5 | 475.4 | 24.1 | 9.2 | 4.3 | 85.0 |
| September p | 5.4 | 439.3 | 30.6 | 10.3 | 3.9 | 88.6 |

(Source: Tasmania—Development and Resources)

24

SAWMILLS AND PLYWOOD MILLS, LOGS DELIVERED AND TIMBER PRODUCED: Original

| Year or quarter | Tasmanian-grown logs delivered | | | | | Sawn, peeled and sliced timber produced ¹ | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Eucalypts | Hardwoods, excluding eucalypts ² | Plantation ³ softwoods | Native softwoods ⁴ | Total | Eucalypts | Hardwoods, excluding eucalypts ² | Plantation ³ softwoods | Native softwoods ⁴ | Total |
| | | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ |
| 1993-94 | 584.3 | 15.3 | 299.2 | 1.5 | 900.4 | 203.5 | 3.1 | 141.0 | 0.5 | 348.0 |
| 1994-95 | 653.1 | 12.6 | 304.9 | 2.8 | 973.4 | 212.5 | 4.3 | 142.7 | 0.6 | 360.1 |
| 1995-96 | r 602.8 | r 13.0 | r 343.7 | 1.4 | r 960.9 | r 192.4 | 4.4 | r 152.0 | 0.5 | r 349.3 |
| 1994 | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 170.2 | 3.8 | 76.3 | 0.6 | 250.9 | 59.5 | 1.2 | 35.1 | 0.1 | 95.9 |
| December | 163.0 | 3.7 | 68.8 | 0.3 | 235.8 | 55.2 | 1.0 | 36.1 | 0.2 | 92.5 |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 132.3 | 3.0 | 82.5 | 1.1 | 218.9 | 44.5 | 1.0 | 37.0 | 0.1 | 82.6 |
| June | 187.6 | 2.1 | 77.4 | 0.7 | 267.8 | 53.4 | 1.1 | 34.6 | 0.1 | 89.2 |
| September | r 184.3 | r 1.8 | r 79.9 | 0.2 | r 266.2 | r 55.4 | 1.3 | r 36.0 | 0.1 | r 92.8 |
| December | r 139.1 | r 1.5 | r 70.2 | 0.2 | r 211.0 | r 49.0 | 1.0 | r 36.0 | 0.2 | r 86.2 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | r 136.6 | r 6.7 | r 98.1 | 0.3 | r 241.7 | r 41.5 | 0.9 | r 41.2 | 0.1 | r 83.7 |
| June | r 142.9 | r 3.0 | r 95.5 | 0.6 | r 242.0 | r 46.5 | 1.2 | r 38.8 | 0.1 | r 86.6 |
| September | 134.4 | 2.4 | 97.3 | — | 234.1 | 47.3 | 1.1 | 43.0 | 0.1 | 91.4 |

¹ Includes plywood, veneer and sliced timber production converted to an equivalent cubic measurement.

² Includes blackwood, myrtle, sassafras etc.

³ Radiata pine.

⁴ Includes Huon pine, celery top pine and King William pine.

(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

25

CHIPPING AND GRINDING OF WOOD¹: Original

| Year or quarter | Producing locations ² | Materials used ³ | | | Chipped and ground wood production (^{000 tonnes green weight)} |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | Logs delivered ⁴ | Sawmill offcuts | | |
| | | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | | |
| 1993-94 | 30 | 3 448.8 | 339.8 | | 3 726.1 |
| 1994-95 | 31 | 4 064.1 | 394.2 | | 4 343.1 |
| 1995-96 | r 31 | 3 510.0 | 457.9 | | 3 820.1 |
| 1994 | | | | | |
| September | 30 | 939.8 | 86.3 | | 991.3 |
| December | 31 | 1 065.8 | 92.0 | | 1 115.4 |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| March | 31 | 1 090.6 | 95.7 | | 1 177.1 |
| June | 31 | 967.9 | 120.1 | | 1 059.3 |
| September | 32 | 935.6 | 118.2 | | 1 044.1 |
| December | 31 | 932.1 | 104.6 | | 939.9 |
| 1996 | | | | | |
| March | 32 | 842.6 | 109.8 | | 958.0 |
| June | r 31 | 799.6 | 125.3 | | 878.1 |
| September | 30 | 767.5 | 133.5 | | 870.9 |

¹ Both hardwoods and softwoods, separate details are not available.

² Capable of producing at end of year or actually producing during quarter.

³ Data reported by weight, converted to cubic measure by the factor 0.95 m³ per tonne.

⁴ Includes log equivalent of limbwood and billets.

(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

26

LOGS DELIVERED FOR MILLING OR CHIPPING: Original

| Year or quarter | Sawmilling and plywood milling | | | Chipping and grinding ¹ | | | Total | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Crown land ² | Private land | Total | Crown land ² | Private land | Total | Crown land ² | Private land | Total |
| | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ |
| 1993-94 | 696.5 | 203.9 | 900.4 | 1 697.0 | 1 751.8 | 3 448.8 | 2 393.5 | 1 955.7 | 4 349.2 |
| 1994-95 | 780.3 | 193.2 | 973.4 | 1 966.8 | 2 097.3 | 4 064.1 | 2 747.1 | 2 290.4 | 5 037.6 |
| 1995-96 | r 773.5 | r 187.4 | r 960.9 | 1 579.6 | 1 930.4 | 3 510.0 | r 2 353.1 | r 2 117.8 | r 4 470.9 |
| 1994 | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 199.8 | 51.1 | 250.9 | 481.0 | 458.8 | 939.8 | 680.8 | 509.9 | 1 190.7 |
| December | 180.6 | 55.2 | 235.8 | 467.9 | 597.8 | 1 065.8 | 648.5 | 653.0 | 1 301.6 |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 184.7 | 34.2 | 218.9 | 480.3 | 610.3 | 1 090.6 | 665.0 | 644.5 | 1 309.5 |
| June | 215.2 | 52.7 | 267.8 | 537.6 | 430.3 | 967.9 | 752.8 | 483.0 | 1 235.8 |
| September | r 214.1 | r 52.1 | r 266.2 | 438.2 | 497.4 | 935.6 | r 652.3 | r 549.5 | r 1 201.8 |
| December | r 165.2 | r 45.8 | r 211.0 | 388.3 | 543.8 | 932.1 | r 553.5 | r 589.6 | r 1 143.1 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | r 202.4 | r 39.3 | r 241.7 | 405.3 | 437.3 | 842.6 | r 607.7 | r 476.6 | r 1 084.3 |
| June | r 191.8 | r 50.2 | r 242.0 | 347.9 | 451.8 | 799.6 | r 539.7 | r 502.0 | r 1 041.6 |
| September | 194.2 | 39.9 | 234.1 | 403.5 | 364.0 | 767.5 | 597.8 | 403.9 | 1 001.7 |

¹ Logs used are generally below sawmilling standard, includes log equivalent of limbwood and billets.

² Comprises all areas (including concession areas) from which royalties are payable to Forestry Tasmania.
(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

27

BUILDING APPROVALS: Original

| <i>New residential building</i> | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Year or month</i> | <i>Houses</i> | <i>Other¹</i> | <i>Total dwelling units</i> | <i>Value of total dwelling units</i> | <i>Conversions etc.</i> | <i>Value of alterations and additions² to residential building</i> | <i>Value of non-residential building³</i> | | <i>Total value of building</i> |
| | <i>no.</i> | <i>no.</i> | <i>no.</i> | <i>\$'000</i> | <i>no.</i> | <i>\$'000</i> | <i>Private</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>\$'000</i> |
| 1993-94 | 3 113 | 1 034 | 4 147 | 301 963 | 11 | 39 522 | 81 251 | 145 922 | 487 407 |
| 1994-95 | 2 576 | 596 | 3 172 | 244 623 | 14 | 39 963 | 117 984 | 161 567 | 446 152 |
| 1995-96 | 1 938 | 601 | 2 539 | 217 445 | 7 | 36 890 | 119 849 | 216 752 | 471 086 |
| 1993 | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 247 | 104 | 351 | 23 556 | — | 3 510 | 2 913 | 4 430 | 31 495 |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 175 | 49 | 224 | 18 151 | 1 | 3 212 | 13 183 | 16 512 | 37 875 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 108 | 13 | 121 | 9 527 | — | 2 282 | 24 234 | 38 187 | 49 996 |
| August | 158 | 18 | 176 | 15 048 | 1 | 3 040 | 7 007 | 17 482 | 35 569 |
| September | 156 | 4 | 160 | 13 249 | — | 1 857 | 9 549 | 10 306 | 25 412 |
| October | 154 | 33 | 187 | 17 314 | 3 | 3 530 | 9 585 | 10 647 | 31 491 |

¹ New individual dwelling units (e.g. flats, home units and villa units).
² Valued at \$10,000 and over.
³ Comprises non-residential building (new plus alterations and additions) valued at \$50,000 and over.
 (Source: *Building Approvals, Tasmania*, ABS catalogue number 8731.6.)

28

DWELLING COMMENCEMENTS: Original

| <i>Houses</i> | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Year or month</i> | <i>Double brick</i> | <i>Brick veneer</i> | <i>Fibre cement</i> | <i>Timber</i> | <i>Other and not stated</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Other residential buildings¹</i> | <i>Total dwelling units</i> |
| | <i>no.</i> | <i>no.</i> | <i>no.</i> | <i>no.</i> | <i>no.</i> | <i>no.</i> | <i>no.</i> | <i>no.</i> |
| 1993-94 | 306 | 2 120 | 103 | 441 | 79 | 3 049 | 973 | 4 022 |
| 1994-95 | 132 | 1 816 | 93 | 402 | 62 | 2 505 | 645 | 3 150 |
| 1995-96 | 224 | 1 160 | 79 | 311 | 86 | 1 860 | 568 | 2 428 |
| 1993 | | | | | | | | |
| September | 46 | 189 | 9 | 54 | 5 | 303 | 80 | 383 |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| September | 8 | 140 | 11 | 34 | 1 | 194 | 47 | 241 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| June | 43 | 40 | 5 | 23 | 19 | 130 | 141 | 271 |
| July | 37 | 46 | 3 | 19 | 10 | 115 | 31 | 146 |
| August | 25 | 66 | 13 | 25 | 12 | 141 | 10 | 151 |
| September | 21 | 87 | 5 | 29 | 7 | 149 | 21 | 170 |

¹ New individual dwelling units (e.g. flats, home units and villa units).
 (Source: *Dwelling Unit Commencements Reported by Approving Authorities, Tasmania*, ABS catalogue number 8741.6.)

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BANKING STATISTICS¹: Original

| Month | Deposits | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Current bearing interest | Current – not bearing interest | Fixed | Investment savings accounts | Statement savings accounts |
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| September | 599 | 263 | 1 673 | 549 | 192 |
| October | 605 | 258 | 1 690 | 547 | 189 |
| November | 620 | 270 | 1 672 | 546 | 190 |
| December | 628 | 279 | 1 659 | 546 | 191 |
| 1996 | | | | | |
| January | 646 | 272 | 1 646 | 546 | 190 |
| February | 665 | 265 | 1 639 | 544 | 174 |
| March | 690 | 271 | 1 657 | 550 | 160 |
| April | 689 | 270 | 1 693 | 547 | 160 |
| May | 674 | 262 | 1 697 | 541 | 158 |
| June | 659 | 260 | 1 707 | 541 | 158 |
| July | 687 | 253 | 1 737 | 540 | 161 |
| August | 692 | 249 | 1 758 | 543 | 163 |
| September | 690 | 240 | 1 768 | 552 | 165 |

| Month | Deposits | | | Loans ² |
|-------------|----------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|
| | Passbook/School savings accounts | Other | Total | |
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | |
| 1995 | | | | |
| September | 191 | 131 | 3 596 | 4 304 |
| October | 189 | 132 | 3 609 | 4 298 |
| November | 185 | 129 | 3 612 | 4 349 |
| December | 177 | 127 | 3 607 | 4 374 |
| 1996 | | | | |
| January | 175 | 127 | 3 601 | 4 372 |
| February | 171 | 127 | 3 585 | 4 422 |
| March | 171 | 128 | 3 626 | 4 450 |
| April | 168 | 130 | 3 657 | 4 471 |
| May | 164 | 127 | 3 623 | 4 511 |
| June | 161 | 128 | 3 615 | 4 529 |
| July | 156 | 127 | 3 660 | 4 532 |
| August | 153 | 127 | 3 685 | 4 541 |
| September | 151 | 129 | 3 694 | 4 520 |

¹ Details are the averages of weekly figures for each month. The figures are derived from returns submitted by banks authorised under the *Banking Act* together with similar returns voluntarily submitted by the State banks; they exclude the Reserve Bank.

² Excludes non-resident loans.

(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia.)

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PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY TYPE OF ASSET¹: Original

| Year or quarter | New buildings and structures | Equipment, plant, and machinery | Total |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| 1993–94 | 100 | 341 | 441 |
| 1994–95 | 133 | 503 | 636 |
| 1995–96 r | 178 | 394 | 571 |
| 1995 | | | |
| September r | 50 | 93 | 143 |
| December r | 46 | 91 | 137 |
| 1996 | | | |
| March | r 45 | r 94 | r 139 |
| June | 37 | r 116 | r 153 |
| September | 33 | 95 | 128 |

¹ Estimates based on a sample survey and therefore subject to sampling variability. Covers selected industries only—mining, manufacturing, finance, property and other selected industries.

(Source: *State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure*, ABS catalogue number 5646.0.)

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PASSENGER ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, TASMANIA¹: Original

| Period | By air | | | | Total departures ² | Cruise ships | |
|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| | Interstate arrivals | International arrivals | By sea | Total | | Arrivals | Departures |
| 1992 | 652 092 | 4 428 | 114 969 | 771 489 | 761 109 | 4 608 | 4 608 |
| 1993 | 694 244 | 5 144 | 115 381 | 814 769 | 814 835 | 2 033 | 2 033 |
| 1994 | 745 508 | 4 166 | 128 644 | 878 318 | 880 936 | 6 592 | 6 592 |
| 1995 | 811 784 | 3 982 | 116 869 | 932 635 | 931 278 | 6 199 | 6 199 |
| 1995 | | | | | | | |
| September | 73 105 | 407 | 11 150 | 84 662 | 72 559 | — | — |
| 1996 | | | | | | | |
| July | 56 537 | — | 7 550 | 64 087 | 68 288 | — | — |
| August | 56 695 | — | 7 952 | 64 647 | 66 400 | — | — |
| September | 74 597 | — | 11 257 | 85 854 | 75 490 | — | — |

¹ The following persons are not included in these statistics: passengers under three years of age accompanied by an adult; passengers travelling on chartered flights with minor carriers; passengers travelling on private or VIP flights; and passengers from or departing for overseas other than direct flights to New Zealand.

² The proportion of departing passengers who were visitors was shown to be about 58% in the 1981 Tasmanian Visitor Survey, 55% in the 1984 Tasmanian Visitor Survey, 53% in the 1986 Tasmanian Visitor Survey, 65% in the 1990 Tasmanian Visitor Survey, 60% in the 1994 survey, and 58% in the 1995 Tasmanian Visitor Survey.

(Source: Department of Tourism)

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TOTAL PASSENGER ARRIVALS BY AIR AND SEA, TASMANIA: Original, seasonally adjusted and trend

| Period | Original | Seasonally adjusted ¹ | Trend |
|-------------|----------|----------------------------------|--------|
| 1995 | | | |
| September | 84 662 | 79 187 | 79 598 |
| 1996 | | | |
| July | 64 087 | 80 146 | 81 734 |
| August | 64 647 | 84 612 | 81 947 |
| September | 85 854 | 78 478 | 81 874 |

¹ There is an annual recalculation of seasonal adjustment factors to include the most recent year's arrivals. This occurs at the end of each financial year and may cause revisions to previously published seasonally adjusted and trend figures. A full time series of seasonally adjusted and trend series from January 1971 is available on request, telephone (03) 6220 5870.

(Source: Department of Tourism. ABS unpublished data.)

| HOTELS, MOTELS, ETC. WITH FACILITIES | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Period | Original | | Room nights | | Original | |
| | Establishments ¹ no. | Guest rooms ¹ no. | Seasonally adjusted ² no. | Trend estimates ² no. | Room occupancy rate % | Takings from accommodation \$'000 |
| September quarter | | | | | | |
| 1994 | 174 | 5 316 | n.a. | n.a. | 43.5 | 15 229 |
| 1995 | 179 | 5 452 | | | 42.1 | 15 501 |
| 1996 | 188 | 5 604 | | | 38.7 | 14 362 |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| July | n.a. | n.a. | 91 256 | 90 054 | 40.6 | 4 711 |
| August | n.a. | n.a. | 89 909 | 89 551 | 38.5 | 4 443 |
| September | 174 | 5 316 | 91 464 | 88 751 | 51.6 | 6 074 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| July | n.a. | n.a. | 91 724 | 90 010 | 39.2 | 4 866 |
| August | n.a. | n.a. | 91 661 | 90 657 | 38.6 | 4 687 |
| September | 179 | 5 452 | 90 106 | 91 103 | 48.7 | 5 948 |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| July | n.a. | n.a. | 86 142 | 86 049 | 36.6 | 4 671 |
| August | n.a. | n.a. | 92 416 | 85 783 | 36.4 | 4 491 |
| September | 188 | 5 604 | 80 295 | 85 609 | 43.2 | 5 200 |
| HOLIDAY UNITS | | | | | | |
| Period | Original | | Unit nights | | Original | |
| | Establishments ¹ no. | Units ¹ no. | Seasonally adjusted ² no. | Trend estimates ² no. | Unit occupancy rate % | Takings from accommodation \$'000 |
| September quarter | | | | | | |
| 1994 | 53 | 804 | n.a. | n.a. | 42.5 | 2 044 |
| 1995 | 54 | 821 | | | 38.3 | 1 933 |
| 1996 | 57 | 858 | | | 35.5 | 1 922 |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| July | n.a. | n.a. | 13 339 | 13 384 | 36.7 | 583 |
| August | n.a. | n.a. | 13 333 | 13 370 | 35.2 | 550 |
| September | 52 | 793 | 13 543 | 13 428 | 55.9 | 911 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| July | n.a. | n.a. | 12 144 | 12 158 | 33.1 | 558 |
| August | n.a. | n.a. | 11 760 | 12 233 | 30.2 | 485 |
| September | 54 | 821 | 12 918 | 12 446 | 51.9 | 890 |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| July | n.a. | n.a. | 12 153 | 12 074 | 31.1 | 567 |
| August | n.a. | n.a. | 11 762 | 11 936 | 28.9 | 528 |
| September | 57 | 858 | 12 144 | 11 833 | 46.8 | 827 |
| CARAVAN PARKS | | | | | | |
| Period | Original | | Site nights | | Original | |
| | Establishments ¹ no. | Sites and cabins ¹ no. | Seasonally adjusted ² no. | Trend estimates ² no. | Site occupancy rate % | Takings from accommodation \$'000 |
| September quarter | | | | | | |
| 1994 | 75 | 6 924 | n.a. | n.a. | 25.8 | 1 036 |
| 1995 | 72 | 6 417 | | | 27.7 | 1 111 |
| 1996 | 73 | 6 491 | | | 28.3 | 1 209 |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| July | n.a. | n.a. | 65 090 | 64 111 | 24.8 | 294 |
| August | n.a. | n.a. | 65 978 | 64 925 | 25.2 | 303 |
| September | 75 | 6 924 | 64 782 | 65 522 | 27.5 | 439 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| July | n.a. | n.a. | 65 084 | 65 398 | 26.7 | 310 |
| August | n.a. | n.a. | 64 125 | 65 309 | 26.8 | 321 |
| September | 72 | 6 417 | 66 559 | 65 272 | 29.5 | 480 |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| July | n.a. | n.a. | 67 597 | 67 112 | 27.3 | 347 |
| August | n.a. | n.a. | 68 379 | 67 505 | 27.9 | 361 |
| September | 73 | 6 491 | 67 006 | 67 735 | 29.9 | 501 |

¹ At end of quarter. ² Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates are revised annually because of yearly seasonal re-analysis.
(Source: Tourist Accommodation, ABS catalogue number 8635.6.)

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REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES¹: Original

| Year or month | Passenger vehicles | Other vehicles ² | Total (excl. motor cycles) | Vehicles registered by vehicle rental businesses ³ | Motor cycles |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. |
| 1993 | 10 019 | 2 478 | 12 497 | 1 507 | 440 |
| 1994 | 10 543 | 2 837 | 13 380 | 1 708 | 376 |
| 1995 | 10 919 | 2 874 | 13 793 | 1 952 | 393 |
| 1994 | | | | | |
| October | 1024 | 250 | 1 274 | 178 | 26 |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| October | 1 072 | 208 | 1 280 | 301 | 35 |
| November | 702 | 151 | 853 | 62 | 32 |
| December | 1 489 | 245 | 1 734 | 842 | 37 |
| 1996 | | | | | |
| January | 670 | 203 | 873 | 5 | 36 |
| February | 777 | 212 | 989 | 62 | 48 |
| March | 764 | 197 | 961 | 3 | 33 |
| April | 659 | 159 | 818 | — | 30 |
| May | 916 | 286 | 1 202 | 3 | 44 |
| June | 744 | 250 | 994 | 9 | 32 |
| July | 1 099 | 242 | 1 341 | 232 | 26 |
| August | 1 040 | 296 | 1 336 | 216 | 52 |
| September | 1 171 | 177 | 1 348 | 448 | 38 |
| October | 1 042 | 265 | 1 307 | 213 | 35 |

¹ Includes State and Commonwealth Government-owned motor vehicles other than those belonging to the defence services. Excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

² Comprises utilities, panel vans, rigid and articulated trucks and other truck-type vehicles (i.e. motor vehicles designed for purposes other than freight carrying, e.g. campervans, tow trucks, ambulances and hearses) and buses.

³ These figures are included in previous columns.

(Source: Motor Vehicle Registrations Australia, ABS catalogue number 9301.0. ABS unpublished data.)

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TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS AT CURRENT PRICES¹: Original and trend

| Period | Original \$m | Trend estimates | |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | \$m | Change from corresponding month of previous year % |
| 1994 | | | |
| October | 224.2 | 229.6 | 0.6 |
| 1995 | | | |
| October | 236.0 | 239.0 | 4.1 |
| November | 251.6 | 240.7 | 5.1 |
| December | 320.5 | 242.6 | 5.8 |
| 1996 | | | |
| January | 240.5 | 244.6 | 6.2 |
| February | 233.5 | 246.2 | 6.1 |
| March | 241.3 | 247.2 | 5.7 |
| April | 237.8 | 247.3 | 5.0 |
| May | 250.3 | 246.7 | 4.3 |
| June | 230.6 | 245.7 | 3.7 |
| July | 229.1 | 244.6 | 3.2 |
| August | 238.2 | 243.7 | 2.8 |
| September | 222.5 | 243.1 | 2.3 |
| October | 249.2 | 242.7 | 1.5 |

¹ Survey has been re-designed—see Information Paper (8511.0).

(Source: Retail Trade, Australia, ABS catalogue number 8501.0.)

| | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | Aust. ¹ |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Population | | | | | | | |
| Estimated resident population, June 1996 ('000) p | 6 190.2 | 4 541.0 | 3 354.7 | 1 479.2 | 1 762.7 | 473.4 | 18 289.1 |
| Proportion of Australian population, June 1996 (%) p | 33.8 | 24.8 | 18.3 | 8.1 | 9.6 | 2.6 | 100.0 |
| Population growth rate, 12 months to June 1996 (%) p | 1.3 | 0.9 | 2.4 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| Labour Force | | | | | | | |
| Employment growth, 12 months to November 1996 (trend series) (%) | | | | | | | |
| Males | 0.5 | 1.4 | 2.2 | - 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 0.9 |
| Females | - 0.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 3.8 | - 3.4 | 1.0 |
| Persons | 0.2 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 0.4 | 2.2 | - 0.7 | 1.0 |
| Unemployment rate (trend series), November 1996 (%) | 7.8 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 7.6 | 10.4 | 8.7 |
| Unemployment growth, 12 months to November 1996 (trend series) (%) | 3.3 | 9.0 | 2.1 | 2.9 | 2.3 | 6.9 | 4.3 |
| Participation rate (trend series), November 1996 (%) | 62.2 | 63.9 | 64.6 | 61.7 | 66.2 | 60.3 | 63.6 |
| Average weekly overtime worked per employee, August 1996 (hours) | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Job vacancy rate, August 1996 (%) | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Working days lost through industrial disputes, 12 months to September 1996 (days per '000 employees) | 163 | 113 | 167 | 77 | 137 | 77 | 138 |
| Wages and Prices | | | | | | | |
| Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees (trend series) August 1996 (\$) | | | | | | | |
| Males | 825.8 | 762.8 | 715.6 | 726.7 | 813.0 | 705.8 | 778.3 |
| Females | 645.5 | 607.2 | 577.5 | 573.3 | 598.3 | 578.8 | 614.9 |
| Persons | 760.2 | 708.8 | 664.6 | 678.3 | 734.0 | 663.0 | 719.7 |
| Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees, growth rate, 12 months to August 1996 (%) | 4.3 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.7 |
| Consumer price index, all groups, annual growth to September quarter 1996 (%) ² | 2.5 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.1 |
| Building | | | | | | | |
| % change in the number of new residential dwelling units approved in 12 months ended October 1996, over the same period previous year | - 13.3 | - 13.9 | - 13.5 | - 29.4 | - 19.6 | - 20.1 | - 15.3 |
| Finance and Retail Trade | | | | | | | |
| % change in private new capital expenditure, 12 months ended September 1996, over the same period previous year | 9.9 | 33.3 | 12.3 | 2.2 | - 0.8 | - 17.6 | 14.2 |
| % change in trend estimates turnover of retail establishments, October 1996 (change from corresponding month of the previous year) | 4.2 | 3.4 | 3.2 | - 1.6 | - 0.6 | 1.5 | 2.7 |
| Transport | | | | | | | |
| % change in number of new motor vehicles (excluding motorcycles) registered 12 months ended October 1996, over the same period previous year | - 2.2 | 3.3 | 1.4 | - 0.5 | 4.6 | - 0.7 | - 0.6 |
| Agriculture | | | | | | | |
| % change in the number of livestock slaughtered 12 months ended October 1996 over the same period previous year | | | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 0.2 | 7.4 | 13.7 | - 14.3 | - 0.8 | - 7.5 | - 3.3 |
| Sheep and lambs | - 8.5 | - 13.8 | 18.0 | - 16.6 | 9.2 | - 19.0 | - 8.6 |
| Tourism | | | | | | | |
| Room occupancy rates for hotels, motels etc. with facilities, June quarter 1996 (%) | 57.4 | 53.5 | 57.6 | 51.4 | 56.5 | 46.7 | 56.1 |
| Australian National and State Accounts | | | | | | | |
| % change in GSP (GDP), Average 1989-90 Prices | | | | | | | |
| Trend Series | | | | | | | |
| June qtr 1996 to Sept. qtr 1996 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 1.3 | — | 0.3 | - 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Sept. qtr 1995 to Sept. qtr 1996 | 3.7 | 2.4 | 5.9 | 2.0 | 5.5 | 1.9 | 3.9 |

¹ Australian totals include the ACT and NT.² CPI applies to State capitals.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains latest figures for a comprehensive range of economic indicators. Statistics shown in this publication are the latest available at the date of preparation and may be subject to revision in subsequent issues. In a number of cases figures appearing in this publication are preliminary and are subject to revision in subsequent issues. Reference should therefore always be made to the latest issue or to the statistical publication on the specific subject.

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| | |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------|
| n.a. | not available |
| n.y.a. | not yet available |
| .. | not applicable |
| — | nil or rounded to zero |
| p | preliminary—figure or series subject to revision |
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